

11 October 1961

Mr. Jack N. Behrman
Acting Chairman
Advisory Committee on Export Policy
Department of Commerce
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Behrman:

This is in response to your letter of 15 September 1961 enclosing a draft of the new Terms of Reference covering the organization and procedures of the ACEP structure. I have reviewed the draft and have only one comment to make, namely the need for clarifying the role of the Central Intelligence Agency in its representation on the ACEP and on the OC.

At some appropriate point in the Terms of Reference or as a footnote it should be pointed out that the Central Intelligence Agency renders intelligence support to the Committees, but does not provide policy advice and takes no positions on recommendations of the Chairmen of the Committees and that the obligations of membership pertaining to the taking of positions do not apply in the case of CIA representation.

We shall of course continue to do whatever we can to be of service to you and to the Committees in furnishing information within the context of intelligence support.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Otto E. Guthe
Assistant Director

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